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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: CONDUCT OF EMBASSY
DEFENSE ATTACHE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING CONGRESSIONAL
FROM REPRESENTATIVE LOU FREY, JR. (R-FLA.):
2. "WE ARE CONTACTING YOU REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF
COLONEL BAUDIN, MILITARY ATTACHE TO OUR EMBASSY IN HAITI.
FOR SEVERAL YEARS DISTRICT 695 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE DONATION OF A MEDICAL CLINIC
TO THE PEOPLE OF HAITI.
3. "EARLY THIS MONTH THE U.S. NAVY DELIVERED THE CLINIC
SECTIONS TO HAITI. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE
COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE ROTARY, THE U.S. NAVY, THE HAITIAN
AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND THE HAITIAN OFFICIALS IN
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PORT-AU-PRINCE. GREAT COOPERATION WAS MANIFESTED
THROUGHOUT THIS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT.

4. "UPON HIS RETURN TO PORT-AU-PRINCE THE CO-CHAIRMAN
OF THE ROTARY PROJECT RECEIVED A MESSAGE TO CALL THIS
COLONEL. UPON DOING SO, HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE SHIP HAD

NO BUSINESS BRINGING ANYTHING INTO HAITI WITHOUT THE NAVY FIRST NOTIFYING THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD NOTIFY THE EMBASSY. HE INDICATED THAT "SOMEONE'S FEET WOULD BE HELD TO THE FIRE OVER THIS MATTER".

5. "THE ROTARY HAD WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR PREVIOUS AMBASSADOR REGARDING THIS CLINIC SO IT WAS NOT AN UNKNOWN MATTER TO THE EMBASSY. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS NOT ROTARY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PERFORM THE ABOVE MENTIONED NOTIFICATIONS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EMBASSY STAFF WAS THERE TO ASSIST AMERICAN CITIZENS, NOT HINDER THEM."

6. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT ON THIS INCIDENT AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY CONGRESSMAN FREY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR REPLY TO THE CONGRESSMAN. VANCE

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